

September 1, 1960

Fellow Collector:-

As you know, our organization (American Political Item Collectors - APIC) was disbanded several months ago when Monroe D. Ray, secretary-treasurer, returned a part of the 1960 dues.

The organization, at that time, passed out of existence. However, several of the more active members felt it should be reorganized. Chick Harris of St. Louis, one of the most active and aggressive collectors in the country, took the initiative and wrote to all members, proposing the formation of a new organization. As Chick has written, twenty-odd members of the old APIC gathered in Chicago just prior to the Republican Convention and did create a new APIC. Enclosed you will find the minutes of that meeting.

In a letter Chick wrote to all former members before the organization meeting in Chicago he promised y'all a voice in the voting for new officers. However, it was the opinion of those present that whereas there was no longer an APIC in fact, they were in the position of creating something new, and, accordingly, proceeded in organizing a new APIC with officers to make it go.

Chick felt some who received his earlier letter might feel "let-down." Hence this move of explanation.

Now a brief word about the future for APIC. You have herewith a list of the new officers. I believe this is probably the strongest and most active slate of officers possible to draw from our former members. With men like Messrs. DeWitt, McSorley, Brown, Becker, Fishbaugh Harris, Putnam, Dunifon, Bibler, Eglit and Mrs. Kimbrough as the operating heads, and Messrs. Fuld and Ray as advisors and counselors, we have an organization destined for great things.

We have ambitious plans -- more aggressive publicity (and speaking of publicity some one, I suspect Nathan Eglit of Chicago, sent a story about our reorganization to Coin World. This brought about a dozen requests for information...and the coin editor of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Worcester, Massachusetts) gave us a mention), a monthly newsletter to all members, regional meetings, publication of up-to-date membership lists, etc., etc., etc.

But first-- as with every organization--you must join (pay dues) to be considered a member.

The dues are Three Dollars for the year, less than a penny-a-day -- or twenty-five cents a month. This certainly doesn't give the organization much to spend for printing, postage, etc. However, we want to keep the dues low and hope to raise some money in other ways.

Now, then, if you will forward to me your check--or whatever--in the amount of Three Dollars, we can get the new APIC organized and moving. Please send to

Arthur C. Schofield
Assistant to the President
PEOPLES BROADCASTING CORP.
246 North High St.
Columbus 16, Ohio

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially,

Arthur C. Schofield

Formal report on the Reorganization Meeting of the A.P.I.C. held at Williams' Restaurant in Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, July 24th, at 2:00 P. M.

Meeting was called to order with twenty present. The discussions were informal, but decisions were governed by rules of order. Everyone introduced themselves and told a little about their collections.

Chick Harris, leading the first session, 'Government of A.P.I.C.', restated the aims of the meeting and read the old constitution. Mr. Fuld gave some history, accomplishments and aims of the founding group. He told that Mr. Ray had done most in organizing and carrying on. In the Government session, as in all sessions, the ideas you submitted on the questionnaires were added to the discussions from the floor. Chief decisions from the Government sessions were:

1. Since the old organization had been dissolved and enough were present, all decisions should be binding and voting done immediately.
2. Keep name of A.P.I.C.
3. Increase number of officers and form a Board of Directors.
4. Set term of office at four (4) years.
5. Nominations were made from the floor and voting by ballot.
6. Committee appointed to draw up by-laws and constitution.

At this point we had our dinner and then continued the discussions.

Dues and Publication Session, Jack Putnam. Presiding.

1. Raise dues to \$3.00 per year.
2. Offer more - monthly bulletin, new activities, better roster, etc.
3. No direct tie-in with the 'Gold Bug' but work closely, be mutually helpful.
4. Commend Mr. Fishbaugh for helping build interest in Political Americana.

Membership and Meetings Session - Joe Brown, Presiding.

1. Membership goal - 200 by next year.
2. Code roster, to interests of members.
3. Auctions, and help for newer collectors.
4. A name for ourselves discussed - possibly Politismatics.
5. Convene each four years during a national convention at location receiving most votes.
6. Yearly meetings discussed. Fremont, Ohio (Rutherford B. Hayes hometown) invited us to meet there in 1961, in connection with a Hayes celebration. Group enthusiastic and voted to pursue this possibility.
7. Local groups (clubs) were encouraged - Seattle area group to be formed.

Promotion and Publicity Session - Arthur Schofield, Presiding.

1. Best Publicity is by members.
2. Advertise in certain hobby publications.
3. Monthly news bulletins to members.
4. Newspaper and other releases.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

The New A.P.I.C.

You have probably been wondering what has transpired since my second bulletin telling you we were definitely going to get together in Chicago. About twenty met on Sunday, July 24th, just prior to the Republican Convention and had a six hour business meeting. You will know it was business when I say that we didn't even have time to swap one button.

I wish everyone of you could have been there to hear the active discussions. The ideas you submitted to me were added to the floor discussion, and it was a real enthusiastic group. We all came for one purpose: TO REVIVE THE A.P.I.C. Discussions were lead by various members on such topics as Original Organization, Membership, Dues, Publications, Meetings, Committees, Promotion, etc., but, we spent over half of our time on the Government of the A.P.I.C.

In my two previous communications I had promised that you would have a vote on all we did in Chicago, but, it seems that all you will get is a chance to vote 'no confidence' by not joining. The group was unanimous in feeling that since such a large representation of the A.P.I.C. was present that they would be acting for the group as a whole and that by so doing we would get things moving faster. We had members present from all over the country. Two from the far West, the East, as well as those of us who were within three or four-hundred miles of Chicago. We had two collectors with us, Mr. Fuld and Mr. Van Order, who have been collecting well over sixty years.

The governing body for the next four years is as follows:

President - U. I. "Chick" Harris
Vice-Presidents - Jack Putnam
Gene S. Dunifon
Stephen H. Bibler
Secretary-Treasurer - Arthur C. Schofield
6 Member Board of Directors: J. Doyle DeWitt, Charles McSorley,
Joseph Brown, Ralph E. Becker,
C. W. Fishbaugh & Mrs. Clyde Kimbrough.
Mr. Fuld and Mr. Ray were reelected to their previous offices
'Emeritus' in recognition of their long years of faithful service.

As your new President, I assure you that I will work so that the A.P.I.C. is the organization you want, but, I will need your help, your comments and suggestions. I know I speak for all the officers in saying that we can make it 'click' only if we have your cooperation.

A committee is in the process of drawing up the By-laws and Constitution and it should be ready for presentation shortly.

A big membership drive was launched in Chicago, as we all seemed to know someone who should belong and maybe just hadn't been asked. We are sure we can double our membership the first year by looking for new members or members who had dropped out for some reason or another. Here is your first opportunity to get the A.P.I.C. going.

Our new Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Schofield, has many plans for making the A.P.I.C. a very active organization. He has plans for keeping the members informed and I know with his and the enthusiasm of all who attended, our hope for a real active A.P.I.C. will be fulfilled. *Chick*

U. I. 'Chick' Harris

FROM: Art Schofield
A P I C
Secretary-Treasurer

October 12, 1960

Just a quick word or two.

While visiting in Cleveland, Ohio, I came across The Cleveland Press' Ike promotion. Enclosed is a card for your collection (or to send to Ike). The Press very generously gave me enough for our membership.

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I have delayed issuing a membership roster because some of our former members have not yet mailed their dues. However, I feel the roster should be printed S O O N. If you are one of those who failed to "sign up" this is the last communication you will receive before your number is re-assigned. We certainly want to include you. Drop me a line -- and a check for three (\$3.00) dollars.

Attached is a list of all who have paid the 1961 dues. (All monies received to date will be credited as 1961 dues. To simplify bookkeeping memberships will all be on a calendar-year basis).

IF YOUR LISTING IS NOT CORRECT let me know immediately.

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I have received several requests from non-members for our membership roster. I have refused to release it feeling that the membership should have first opportunity to buy, sell, or exchange within the organization. Do you agree?

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While in Cleveland I learned the DAWSON COMPANY, 2929 Prospect Ave., manufactures buttons. In fact, I purchased about ten different ones of the recent campaigns. Dawson has a special low price for collectors, so if you order from them make sure you mention that you are a member of APIC.

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Should any member find sources as above, let us know. We will include the information in a later bulletin. In this way we can be of greater assistance to each other.

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Several folks have written offering various items for sale. If the membership would like it, I will list these various items in future issues.

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We hope to be able to use more factual items in the future. Let me know of your successes and interesting experiences in helping both yourself and the hobby.

Art Schofield

attached -- 1961 membership list
Ike card

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Jane Ford Adams
4131 Marlborough Ave.
San Diego 5, Calif.

Mrs. Damon G. Douglas
Suite 712
Robert Treat Hotel
Newark 1, N.J.

Lambert Alpigini
4821 Hazel Ave.
Philadelphia

Roger N. Dews
911 B So. McClelland St.
Santa Maria, Calif.

John W. Barkley
1857 Union Commerce Bldg
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Michael A. Dively
Williams College
Williamstown, Mass.

Jos. Brown
2005 So. 104th St.
Milwaukee 19, Wisc.

Willard Earle
119 E. Perkins Ave.
Sandusky, Ohio

Stephen H. Bibler
5506 E. 73rd St.
Seattle 15, Wash.

Miss June Eastman
Box 236
Sharpsville, Ind.

Margaret O. Collacott
363 Little Mountain Rd.
Mentor, Ohio

Nathan N. Eglit
134 No. LaSalle St.
Chicago 2, Ill.

Mrs. Jack Converse
3105 N.E. 60th Ave.
Portland 13, Ore.

Joseph W. Fuld
P.O. Box 176
Bailey, Idaho

Hazel V. Clark
1019 W. Scott St.
Springfield, Mo.

C. W. Fishbaugh
Box 396
Shenandoah, Iowa

Carl E. Dorr
Lyndon Road
Fayetteville, N.Y.

Robert Fantel
239 Clent Rd.
Great Neck, L.I. N.Y.

Eugene S. Dunifon
1023 White Ave.
Fremont, Ohio

Mrs. Marcia S. France
129 No. Vega St.
Alhambra, Calif.

J. D. DeWitt
111 Stoner Drive
West Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Mabel Fischer
215 S. Manhattan Pl.
Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Anges T. Gay
112 E. Ivy St.
East Rochester, N.Y.

Armin Glattstein
2189 Edgewood Rd.
Cleveland Hts, 18, Ohio

Samuel Hoffman
Gladstone Hotel
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

R. Doyne Halbritter
Kingwood, W. Va.

Warren G. Holmes
Lamington Rd.
Bedminster, N.J.

U.I. "Chick" Harris
6223 Mardel Ave.
St. Louis 9, Mo.

Wm. R. Hill
3049 N. Hutchinson St.
Philadelphia 33, Pa.

Mrs. Copeland Hovey
139 S. Westmoreland Ave.
Los Angeles 4, Calif.

P.C. Hillebrant
114 Post Ave.
Rochester 11, N.Y.

Byron M. Hoke
1262 E. Mt. Airy Ave.
Philadelphia 50, Pa.

Julia Jewell
16540 Plainview
Detroit 19, Mich.

Wm. G. Kirkwood
319 Washington Ave.
Batavia, N.Y.

Louis A. Karp
2214 Brihton Drive
Louisville 5, KY.

Wayne G. LaPoe
11986 Lakeside Pl. N.E.
Seattle 55, Wash.

Robert S. Morgan
209 Curtis Ave. (Woodcrest)
Wilmington 4, Dela.

Charles H. McSorley, Jr.
440 Durie Ave.
Closter, N.J.

Stephen Mansfield
2010 Halsted Rd.
Rockford, Ill.

G. H. Myers
North Kingsville
Ohio

Leonard J. Nadasdy
4400 Tyrol Crest
Minneapolis 16, Minn.

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702 S. Hillside
Wichita 17, Kansas

F. Joseph O'Neill
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New York 38, N.Y.

Wm. A. Overman
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Champaign, Ill.

John A. Putnam
369 E. 11th Ave.
Fond du Lac, Wisc.

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Irwin Russell
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Bronx, N.Y.

Stanley O. Snyder
Box 710
Havre, Montana

Clarence Staudenmayer
306 Highland Ave.
Portage, Wisc.

Arthur C. Schofield
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Battle Creek, Mich.

Kenneth M. Wright
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Auburn, N.Y.

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East Hampton, L.I., N.Y.

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400 Broadway
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Leo J. Caron
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Plymouth, Mass.

Robert A. Dewey
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Muskegon, Mich.

Philip Easterly
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Cleveland 9, Ohio

Howard N. Hunsaker
507 S.E. Jackson
Roseburg, Ore.

Martin Kades
855 N. Sherwood
Beloit, Wisc.

Donald M. Miller
Miller, Butterbaugh & Cope
The Savings & Trust Bldg.
Indiana, Pa.

Kenneth Peoples
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George W. Tabor
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FROM: Art Schofield
A P I C
Secretary-Treasurer

December 2, 1960

APIC Newsletter #2

Well, it's all over for another four years -- or is it? With the re-counting still going on, and some of the southern states engaged in a hassle over what to do with their electoral votes, the next President may find himself in the predicament of Hayes, and perhaps will not know until a day before his inauguration.

The usual, unusual buttons appeared. I have "NIXON -- KENNEDY" (on the same button); "DEMILICAN"; "DON'T VOTE FOR EITHER". Perhaps you have others.

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As a continuation of service to members, both the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Cleveland, Ohio), and the New York Times (New York City), issued special election sections. Each paper reproduced the first pages of each Presidential election during the paper's existence. These are interesting and valuable items for all engaged in the study of Presidents. They are bargains at 25¢ each. Write directly to the papers. If you know of any other papers who did this, let me know.

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In the last letter I mentioned enclosing a card the Cleveland Press issued to be sent to IKE on his birthday (October 14). However, some did not receive a card. The reason: because I could not get enough cards for everybody, I sent them first to those who had their dues PAID. Just another reason for maintaining the "paid-up" policy.

Incidentally, I sent one to IKE and received a beautiful autographed "Thank You" card from him.

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Our membership cards are now printed and should be in the mail shortly. HERE'S AN IMPORTANT REQUEST! Do you wish to retain your old number or would you prefer to "move up". (This, of course, refers only to members holding old APIC numbers). If I do not hear from you by December 15, you will retain same number with new members receiving the numbers of "drop-outs". Several members have expressed themselves both ways, but to be sure please drop me a postcard and say "I would like to retain same number," or "I would like to move up."

The membership cards have been printed by fellow member, Bill Overman, 703 Arlington Ct., Champaign, Illi. Bill is an excellent printer who specializes in printing business cards and stationery. He does this two ways -- for cash, and in trade for political items. I can recommend him highly to all members. Bill also does a wonderful job on personal stationery. If you are interested (and who isn't), drop Bill a line.

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Many of our members received editorial attention from the publications in their communities. Congratulations!! J. Doyle DeWitt, one of our directors, and president, Chick Harris, (perhaps others) received national exposure. Mr. DeWitt (in person, and his collection), has appeared in LIFE several times and on the Garry Moore TV show. President Chick has several of his items shown in the recent Civil War Book by American Heritage. Monroe Ray, our Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, appears in print so often (because of his fabulous collection), that at first glance it might appear he was running for President.

Just a suggestion: Whenever you are interviewed, mention APIC. Each mention brings additional inquiries. For instance, After Armin Glattstein appeared in the Cleveland paper, about a dozen prospects wrote to me. Some became members.

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President Harris has written and suggested that our roster be "keyed." That we create a system that will indicate the type of collection, whether member is a dealer and if member desires to communicate with others. Accordingly, enclosed with the next letter will be a questionnaire. Please return it as quickly as possible.

Should you have any suggestions for the roster, let me know.

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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<i>Place and Date</i>	<i>National Chairman</i>	<i>Temporary Chairman</i>	<i>Permanent Chairman</i>	<i>Presidential Nominee</i>	<i>Vice-Presidential Nominee</i>
Philadelphia June 17-19	Edwin D. Morgan New York	Robert Emmett New York	Henry S. Lane Indiana	John C. Fremont 2nd Ballot	William L. Dayton 1st Ballot
Chicago May 16-18	Edwin D. Morgan New York	David Wilmot Pennsylvania	George Ashmun Massachusetts	Abraham Lincoln 3rd Ballot	Hannibal Hamlin 2nd Ballot
Baltimore June 7-8	Edwin D. Morgan New York	R. J. Breckenridge Kentucky	William Denman Ohio	Abraham Lincoln 1st Ballot	Andrew Johnson 1st Ballot
Chicago May 20-21	Marcus L. Ward New Jersey	Carl Schurz Missouri	Joseph R. Hawley Connecticut	U. S. Grant 1st Ballot	Schuyler Colfax 6th Ballot
Philadelphia June 5-6	William Claflin Massachusetts	Morton McMichael Pennsylvania	Thomas Settle North Carolina	U. S. Grant 1st Ballot	Henry Wilson 1st Ballot
Cincinnati June 14-16	Edwin D. Morgan New York	Theo. M. Pomeroy New York	Edward McPherson Pennsylvania	Rutherford B. Hayes 7th Ballot	Wm. A. Wheeler 1st Ballot
Chicago June 2-8	J. Donald Cameron Pennsylvania	George F. Hoar Massachusetts	George F. Hoar Massachusetts	James A. Garfield 36th Ballot	Chester A. Arthur 1st Ballot
Chicago June 3-6	Dwight M. Sabin Minnesota	John R. Lynch Mississippi	John B. Henderson Missouri	James G. Blaine 4th Ballot	John A. Logan 1st Ballot
Chicago June 19-25	B. F. Jones Pennsylvania	John M. Thurston Nebraska	M. M. Estee California	Benjamin Harrison 8th Ballot	Levi P. Morton 1st Ballot
Minneapolis June 7-10	James S. Clarkson Iowa	J. Sloat Fassett New York	William McKinley Ohio	Benjamin Harrison 1st Ballot	Whitelaw Reid 1st Ballot
St. Louis June 16-18	Thomas H. Carter Montana	Chas. W. Fairbanks Indiana	John M. Thurston Nebraska	William McKinley 1st Ballot	Garrett Hobart 1st Ballot
Philadelphia June 19-21	Mark A. Hanna Ohio	Edward O. Wolcott Colorado	Henry Cabot Lodge Massachusetts	William McKinley 1st Ballot	Theodore Roosevelt 1st Ballot
Chicago June 21-23	Henry C. Payne Wisconsin	Elihu Root New York	Joseph C. Cannon Illinois	Theodore Roosevelt 1st Ballot	Chas. W. Fairbanks 1st Ballot
Chicago June 16-19	Harry S. New Indiana	Julius C. Burrows Michigan	Henry Cabot Lodge Massachusetts	William H. Taft 1st Ballot	James S. Sherman 1st Ballot
Chicago June 18-22	Victor Rosewater Nebraska	Elihu Root New York	Elihu Root New York	William H. Taft 1st Ballot	Nicholas M. Butler 1st Ballot
Chicago June 7-10	Charles D. Hilles New York	Warren G. Harding Ohio	Warren G. Harding Ohio	Charles E. Hughes 3rd Ballot	Chas. W. Fairbanks 1st Ballot
Chicago June 8-12	Will H. Hays Indiana	Henry Cabot Lodge Massachusetts	Henry Cabot Lodge Massachusetts	Warren G. Harding 10th Ballot	Calvin Coolidge 1st Ballot
Cleveland June 10-12	John T. Adams Iowa	Theodore E. Burton Ohio	Frank W. Mondell Wyoming	Calvin Coolidge 1st Ballot	Charles G. Dawes 3rd Ballot
Kansas City June 12-15	William M. Butler Massachusetts	Simeon D. Fess Ohio	George H. Moses New Hampshire	Herbert Hoover 1st Ballot	Charles Curtis 1st Ballot
Chicago June 14-16	Simeon D. Fess Ohio	L. J. Dickinson Iowa	Bertrand H. Snell New York	Herbert Hoover 1st Ballot	Charles Curtis 1st Ballot
Cleveland June 9-12	Henry P. Fletcher Rhode Island	Frederick Steiwer Oregon	Bertrand H. Snell New York	Alfred M. Landon 1st Ballot	Frank Knox 1st Ballot
Philadelphia June 24-28	John D. M. Hamilton Iowa	Harold E. Stassen Minnesota	Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Massachusetts	Wendell Willkie 6th Ballot	Charles L. McNary 1st Ballot
Chicago June 26-28	Harrison E. Spangler Iowa	Earl Warren California	Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Massachusetts	Thomas E. Dewey 1st Ballot	John Bricker 1st Ballot
Philadelphia June 21-25	Carroll Reece Tennessee	Dwight H. Green Illinois	Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Massachusetts	Thomas E. Dewey 3rd Ballot	Earl Warren Acclamation
Chicago July 7-11	Guy G. Gabrielson New Jersey	Walter S. Hallanan West Virginia	Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Massachusetts	Dwight D. Eisenhower 1st Ballot	Richard M. Nixon Acclamation
San Francisco August 20-	Leonard W. Hall New York	William F. Knowland California	Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Massachusetts	Dwight D. Eisenhower 1st Ballot	Richard M. Nixon 1st Ballot
Chicago July 25	Thurston B. Morton Kentucky	Cecil H. Underwood West Virginia	Charles A. Halleck Indiana		